

## Assignment

1. Choose one book from your assigned grade level list (your grade for the 2010-2011 school year). If you are in the Magnet program, choose two books from your assigned list.
2. Read the book(s). While reading, keep a journal of your thoughts, predictions, visualizations, questions and connections. Make at least 10 entries in the following format:

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4. After reading, choose **ONE** of the following assignments to complete for each book you read:

- a) Write a one minute radio advertisement persuading the public why they should buy and read this book.
- β) Write a one-page letter to the author. Include why you enjoyed the book and at least two questions about the book or her writing style.
- χ) Create a movie poster for the book. Include a catchy slogan, an illustration that captures the main message of the book, and who would be playing the main characters.

5. Turn in your **JOURNAL(S)** and your **ASSIGNMENT(S)** to your Language Arts teacher on August 31, 2010. It will be counted as your first test grade, so please make sure it is **COMPLETE** and **ON TIME**!

Questions? Concerns? Please contact Ms. Althoria Pickett at 850.488.6880.

**Books can be found at the Public Library, Borders, Barnes & Noble, and amazon.com!**

General curriculum students will read **ONE** book, complete **ONE** journal, and complete **ONE** project.

Magnet students will read **TWO** books, complete **TWO** journals, and complete **TWO** projects.

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## Summer Reading List

**Summer 2010**



## 6th Grade

### General Curriculum Only (Select One)

**Notes From a Liar and Her Dog** by Gennifer Choldenko: Ant, stuck in a family that she does not like, copes by telling wild lies.

**The Tiger Rising** by Kate DiCamillo: Rob is drawn into a plan to free a caged tiger by a new friend.

**Something Upstairs** by Avi: Kenny finds his new home haunted by the ghost of a slave boy who wants him to return with him to the early 19th century and find his murderer.

**Marisol and Magdalena** by Veronica Chambers: Marisol spends a year in Panama, secretly searching for her real father.

**Heaven** by Angela Johnson: Fourteen-year-old Marley's world is disrupted when she learns her father and mother aren't her real parents.

### Magnet Only (Select Two)

**My Side of the Mountain** by Jean Craighead George: A runaway boy builds a tree house in the mountains and learns to live entirely by his wits.

**Eggs** by Jerry Spinelli. Nine-year-old David lives with his grandmother and forms a friendship with 13-year-old Primrose, who struggles with her own family issues.

**The Time Machine** by H.G. Wells. When a Victorian scientist propels himself into the future, he is surprised that the Elfin race now running the land are not as advanced as they first appear.

**The Graveyard Book** by Neil Gaiman. Nobody Owens grows up in a graveyard, raised by ghosts and searching for the man who holds the key to his past.

**Boy: Tales of Childhood** by Roald Dahl. Autobiography of the children's author.

## 7th Grade

### General Curriculum Only (Select One)

**Al Capone Does My Shirts** by Gennifer Choldenko: Moose lives at Alcatraz prison with his prison guard father and younger sister, who has autism.

**Who Am I Without Him?** by Sharon Flake Ten stories of African-American teen girls dealing with prejudice, pain, poverty, and love.

**Miracle's Boys** by Jacqueline Woodson: Lafayette's close relationship with his brother changes after he is released from a detention home and blames Lafayette for the death of their mother.

**Night of the Twisters** by Ivy Ruckman: Tornadoes destroy a small town and a twelve-year-old is left to save his family.

**Tracker** by Gary Paulsen: Two coming-of-age stories revolving around hunting and the wilderness.

### Magnet Only (Select Two)

**Dear Mrs. Parks** by Rosa Parks: Actual letters sent to Ms. Parks by teens from across the nation, and her responses.

**The Real Question** by Adrian Fogelin: Fisher Brown is delighted by the slacker stories of a friend. But after running away, Fisher experiences first-hand the pressures of surviving on his own.

**The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins. Katniss accidentally becomes a contender in the Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a fight to the death.

**To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee. American classic in which Scout and Jem experience racism in a small town during the Depression.

**Tangerine** by Edward Bloor. Soccer-playing, legally blind Paul Fisher begins to uncover the ugly truth about his football-hero brother.

## 8th Grade

### General Curriculum Only (Select One)

**The First Part Last** by Angela Johnson: A young father struggles with the responsibilities of caring for his infant son.

**The Beast** by Walter Dean Myers: Anthony attempts to balance his new life at an exclusive prep school with his obligations of caring for a girlfriend battling drug addiction.

**Night Hoops** by Carl Deuker: While struggling to make the high school basketball team, Nick must also deal with his parent's divorce and a troubled friend.

**The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens** by Sean Covey: Timeless principles for effective living.

**The House on Mango Street** by Sandra Cisneros. Esperanza Cordero, a girl coming of age in the Hispanic quarter of Chicago, uses poems and stories to express thoughts and emotions about her oppressive environment.

### Magnet Only (Select Two)

**The Old Man and the Sea** by Ernest Hemingway. The tale of an aged Cuban fisherman going head-to-head with a marlin.

**Tuesdays with Morrie** by Mitch Albom. The true story of a dying mentor and his former student.

**Feed** by M.T. Anderson. Titus fights against a society dominated by the feed, a next-generation Internet/television hybrid that is directly hardwired into the brain.

**Copper Sun** by Sharon Draper. Amari describes the shocking realities of the slave trade and plantation life while portraying the perseverance, resourcefulness, and triumph of the human spirit.

**Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac** by Gabrielle Zevin. After hitting her head in a fall, Naomi loses her memory and must re-learn her life as a high school student.